

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

## FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

July 1, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

Earlier this week, our local health district notified us that we have one new positive case of COVID-19 in town. This marks our first new positive case in nineteen days. The precautions people in our community have taken over the course of this pandemic have clearly helped to weather the storm. We now have a total of 143 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor. In Connecticut, there are now 46,572 confirmed cases. Hartford County now has the highest number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the state.

Today is July 1, which is typically the start of property tax collection season. I want to remind folks that the Board of Selectmen elected to defer property tax collection in certain cases by ninety days. This means that property owners who do not pay their taxes through an escrow payment can delay their July payment if they choose to do so. However, we have heard from a lot of people that they would rather pay their tax bill on time. Anyone who wants to do that can certainly do so. We have developed a process by which people can pay in person at Town Hall, through the drop box outside of Town Hall, or make payments online.

In partnership with Priority Urgent Care, we've been offering COVID-19 testing to residents in town at no charge for more than a month. The test is a nasal swab and takes a matter of seconds to administer. Today, we also began offering antibody testing for anyone who wants to determine whether they have the antibodies for COVID-19. This is a simple blood test. I had both tests done today in less than five minutes. Testing for both tests will be offered again next Wednesday, July 8, from 10am to 3pm at East Windsor High School. You can pre-register by calling 860-454-0678.

As we head into the Independence Day weekend, I want to take a moment and share a quote from President Truman that I think sums up what we've been experiencing over the last several months. He said "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

Happy Independence Day! I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza

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